TRICKS TO TAKE BIRDS AND FISH

"Mudding" in Southern Bayous and "Cowing" for Sandhill Cranes in the North.

A TROUT THEORY DISPROVED

Unexpected Wildcats-Up Date Deer - Too Many Wild Geese in Wheat Fields of California.

very short time the water becomes thick and roily and presently fish will begin to come to the surface.

"The local angler in the trouting regions of northern Pennsylvahia, or of any other backwoods trouting region for that matter," said a New York lover of the rod and line, "is always ready for action as soon as the law allows fishing. It wasn't so long ago that he used the worm invariably in his early fishing, not because he could not use the fly dexterously but because from time out of mind he had stubbernly clung to the belief that trout would not rise for the fly so long as there was snow water in the streams or until he natural insects had appeared. I am sery that my foolish eagerness to have some trouting one season while the conditions were all against good sport destroyed the belief in that tradition at less in one favorite fishing district.

"The perch come first, jumping out of the water lively with their protests against the proceeding. As the fish appear the shewman wades out and makes his setting and time again, and when almost the stubbernly clung to the belief that trout would not rise for the fly so long as there was snow water in the streams or until he natural insects had appeared. I am sery that my foolish eagerness to have some trouting one season while the conditions were all against good sport destroyed the belief in that tradition at less in one favorite fishing district.

"The perch come first, jumping out of the water lively with their protests against the marks, sticky mud and black dirt of that garden spot of the country toward the black bass, or trout, appear and makes his sequence.

"If he is the sportsman mudder, he sharper at the fish and so expert are some of these fishermen that they can impale a perch or bass will be and so expert are some of these fishermen though who are not quite the marks, sticky mud and black dirt of the water with a direct marks, ticky mud and black dirt of the water with a direct marks, sicky mud and makes his sequence.

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st enthusiastic and misnglers never vet saw much yable day's sport while

soft shell snapper is. But if you would know how handsome this frightful looking critter does you want to taste him.

"They catch these turtles by set lines to disagreeable of rains is pelting down upon him. The native was willing to forgo the fun he expected to have with me, for ha tried to induce me to go back to the tavern right away, but I had travelled more than 129 miles to enjoy some May trouting and I was bound to have it.

"Much to the guide's amazement a trout took my fly at the first cast, and trout kept on 'taking them until I had landed more than two dozen in a stretch of stream half a mile long. But it was like catching suckers. They took the fly with much animation but made so little fight after being hooked that if it hadn't been for the weight of the fish on the line I wouldn't have known I had one on the hook. So I quit in disgust. on the line I wouldn't have known I had one on the hook. So I quit in disgust. When we got back to the tavern we

found several natives there. They had catching trout with a fly before it was time for it, according to all backwoods tradition, and were there to enjoy my discomflure when I returned. They were taken aback when they saw my trout and never would have believed that I took them on a fly but for the corthat I took them on a fly but for the corroborative testimony of their fellow woodsman, my guide.

hig to give over all the pleasures of early touting in such a region as that to any who may want them. I have learned, though, that the idea that trout will not jump at a fly while snow water is "unning no longer prevails area."

Insh. When she does that the boys go mearer about, keeping at a safe distance.

"As long as the boys stay there the alligator will not take her eyes off them. While she is thus intent on the Boys in front of her she neither sees nor hears."

"My dog Jasper was huntin' round in front of her she neither sees nor hears, and by an' by I heerd the swamp, and by an' by I heerd the ag to give over all the pleasures of early unning no longer prevails among the ative fishermen up there and they no longer wait until the ground is so they

MUDDING FOR FISH.

A Method They Use in Bayous and Lakes in Southern Swamps.

States, said a New York man after a them for passage over the railroad he

e different varieties of fish than any cranes that way. lakes or streams I know of.

they call bream wasn't so much bigger out to have sport with the sandhill cranes. than the sunfish of our Northern ponds That terpsichorean exercise of the cranes or crappie in New York waters, and it is prairie to get a sight of.

a pity for I tried some hook and line

"The dances had all the appearance of well worth while.

well worth while.

"Even tradition hasn't it of record who made the discovery that by agitating the mud a condition of water would result that made the depths of the lakes and bayous unbearable to the fish dwelling in them and drove them to the surface, but somebody made it, and it is solemnity that was comical, but at the same time with an evident sense of enuflized annually by the natives. This mide of fishing is called mudding, and to go mudding in the swamp lakes is the height of pleasure as well as profit to the fishing in the sump lakes is the height of pleasure as well as profit to the fish dwell."

"No line, hook, rod or bait is needed. If you are going to be a genuine sportsman at your mudding your tackle will consist of a small single tined spear or pike besides your splunge. The splunge you will engage a colored citizen to carry on the must be provided the possibility for a hunter to walk within shooting distance of a flock of cranes, either while they were dancing or feeding.

"Well as easy as I'd spud the bark offen a hemblock.

"He took a trifle o' my hide with 'em, too, but he didn't have no chance to clutch no more of it, for I smashed his big head with a lick from my rifle butt, an' he give with a lick from my rifle butt, an' he give up the ghost. This here, Colonel. See where I squashed his head in?

"Joe humped the pelt off his shoulder again, and I saw plainly enough where he held he wildcat's head.

"Well,' resumed the old woodsman. 'that was nice an' easy as fur as it went, but seems Jasper he wasn't satisfied with nosin' this feller out, but he must keep on huntin' round in the swamp all the wildcat. The consequence was that I hadn't hardly time to draw a long breath when out o' the swamp jumped the 'riginal owner o' this here biggest pelt.

"Now whether he seen on the jump than the proof of the carcas outen his mate through the proof of the carcas outen his mate through the mate to with a scale with a lock.

"He took a trifle of wy the hotok. The took a trifle o' my hide with 'em. too, b

pike besides your splunge. The splunge shooting distance of a flock of cranes, you will engage a colored citizen to carry either while they were dancing or feeding, and manipulate for you. It is a piece of board two feet long and eight or inches wide with a hole bored in the middle into which a long handle is inserted.

"The colored attendant carries likewise a basket to put your fish in. He sary for them to rise in flight. This wades into the water until he is waist necessary polse required a little time, deep and thrusts the splunge down on and if a hunter could get within gunshot the bottom and stirs up the mud. In a before the leader on picket duty detected very short time the water becomes thick and roily and presently fish will begin

"After continuous mudding of the water for some minutes it becomes so to get a single fishworm yet. I replied that I didn't care for worms, as I fished with a fly. That made him smile.

"Why, don't you know that trout won't jump at a fly yit?' said he. 'Flies hain't come on to the creeks yit, it's been so uncommon late a season. You got to'

"After continuous mudding of the water for some minutes it becomes so thinter rose above cow and took to horse. It was found that a man on horseback dould ride pretty close to where cranes were before they would discover that he wasn't part of the horse, so horses were the basket and net fishermen regard this were congregated, either for dance or feed, and when they got to the point where the bird began to sniff danger to rush swiftly in upon them before

as he chuckled over having such a green- down in those waters that interested me, down in those waters that interested me, and if that critter doesn't prove the truth of the saying. 'Handsome is as handsome was staggered when he found that I was going out on such a day.

"When we got to the creek I wasn't sure but the guide was going to have fun with me after all. The creek was in good condition as to quantity of water, but my which is a triangular head with a snout like a pig's, built for rooting, you may get some little idea of how handsome this soft shell snapper is. But if you would know how handsome this frightful look-

near to stand guard over the nest, snakes and swamp birds being very fond of them. "The way the boys get the eggs, not-withstanding her fierce front as she stands sentinel over them, is by a bit of strategy. They know she will not charge upon them unless they get near the nest. Half a

nest and turn and come back toward it. The alligator on guard sees them coming, faces them, advances a few yards, stops and blows herself up like a great toad fish. When she does that the boys go

HUNTING SANDHILL CRANES. Stalking and "Cowing" on the Missouri Prairies in the Old Days.

"When we hunted sandhill crane ey have a way of catching fish on the broad Missouri prairies," said in the lakes and bayous of the low swamp Bob Hobson, who busies himself nowlands of Mississippi and other Southern adays hunting for travellers and bagging ourn in those parts, "that beats sitting represents, "we didn't hide behind blinds on the bank and waiting for a bite, pro- and wait for the big birds to come to us vided it's fish you're after and not just and be shot. We calculated to show our skill and cunning by going to the cranes. "In the first place those waters contain There was some class to hunting sandhill

and all of them-good. Black bass, crap- highest order, for this great, long legged trullet, eatfish, white perch, bream bird is not exceeded by any wild creature

and rivers I would take it to be that was something worth crawling a mile fish. We haven't got any white perch through the tall grass on a wet and muddy

either while they were dancing or feeding, for the watchful leader was sure to sound the alarm. Consequently it was only the most expert and patient hunters that succeeded in getting near enough for a shot before the birds could get the poise necesbefore the leader on picket duty detected his approach he was sure of at least two

come on to the creeks yit, it's been so uncommon late a season. You got to have worms.'

I said I guessed I could manage with a fly if he'd get some one to go along with me to the creek. It was worth travelling all the way up there from town, even to hit such weather as I had, to see the tickled expression on that landlord's face as he chuckled over having such a green-

home last week," said Col. Parker, "and red with blood of deer and Millrift would almost the first person I met after I got feast on the sweet and juicy venison its there was Joe Shropshire, with the pelts meadows and gardens and fields had of two of the biggest wildcats I had ever fattened. seen slung over his shoulder.

you get them two big pelts, Joe?'

'Where'd I git 'em?' said Joe, looking that for. 'Where'd you 'spect I got 'emif not from the two wildcats they growed on to? Where else would you 'spect I All the venison Millrift got it had to go

"Joe Shropshire must be getting along pretty nigh to 80, but he is tough as a pine knot and as lively as a colt vet. He has die in 'em if he ever does die.

"I apologized to him for my thoughtknock the two wildcats over.

"Well,' said Joe, 'I guess maybe only did happen to do it, for I wasn't lookin' for wildcats when these here two come along. I'd got an idee that a big bear that holed up in Kelley's Holler Swamp last winter had come out a week or so ago

and about shift. When shift recovered from its amazement Bill Padget, having pondered the matter deeply, was moved to say:

"Looks to me as if they had made good." in' for wildcats when these here two come and I wanted to sort o' git on to his doin's so as to mark him down for future refer- of it, ence when the time comes along next fall

day to have a look around.
"'My dog Jasper was huntin' round in the swamp, and by an' by I heerd the anything that may be going on behind the swamp, and by an' by I heerd the her. So the boys who hid at the spot in dickens of a time in there, an' was afeerd the rear of her steal to the nest, break into that maybe Jasper had took holt onto can dig worms before they go out to fish. It is too bad that pet belief is destroyed."

it at that side, quickly remove the eggs and stow them in a bag they carry for the purpose and creep away again."

the bear and we mought git into trouble.

So I was jest makin' a p'int to git in the purpose and creep away again." swamp an' tear Jasper loose from the bear when the brush opened an' out come the wildcat that was wearin' the littlest enough for any one decent wildcat to been wearin'. I take it.

" 'This un here,' said Joe, humping the pelt off of his shoulder and pointing to it.

Don't you think so, Colonel?' "I said I certainly did, and Joe put the pelt back on his shoulder and went on. "Well, he come out, the wildcat did. said Joe, 'like a hurricane, an' I had to fire quick to keep him from gittin' off into the thicket on t'other side o' the road, an' the consequence was that I didn't git the slug where I wanted it, an' only

jest broke the varmint's shoulder.
"That made him so mad that he didn't

squirmed over on his back in a liffy, an' liftin' his hind claws he ketched me jest a pity, for I tried some hook and line "The dances had all the appearance of below the knee an' nipped the breeches fishing with them down there and it was old fashioned quadrilles. A colony of an' boot leg off clean down to the ankle cranes would assemble at some big slough, as easy as I'd spud the bark offen a hem-

Now whether he seen on the jump that I had made a carcass outen his mate an' didn't intend to let it go without a word or two o' protest, or whether he thought I was standin' in the way o' his gittin' way from the dog I hair seed the thought I was standin in the way o his gittin' away from the dog, I ain't ready to make affidavit, to, but he didn't wait to be interfered with himself but opened on me from the word go.

"I tried the rifle butt business on him,

"I tried the rifle butt business on him, but it didn't seem to have no more effect on him that if I was poundin's feather bed instead o' his tough old conk. Jasper come out to help me with this rash an inconsider't feller, but the ugly varmint certainly did circus the both on us 'round that paich o' timber most smeain'.

certainly did circus the both on us 'round that patch o' timber most amazin.'

"Before I got in the lucky whack that broke his back he had darn nigh cleaned me outen wearin' apparel, an' had left a toler ble fair showin' digs on my hands an' arms—there, Colonel, 'said Joe, dropping the pelts and shoving up the sleeves of his hunting shirt, 'you kin see 'em yit.'

"Plain enough I could see 'em, and if I'd had those gashes and slashings on me I'd have had 'em wrapped up in cloths an inch deep, but Joe didn't have as much as a plaster on 'em.

SMART MILLRIFT DEER.

If They Don't Keep Track of the Game Law, How Explain Their Actions?

"Millrift." said a Pike county man. doesn't yet go so far as to ascribe to its deer enough intelligence to be aware of the open and close shooting seasons. but it would like to know what makes its deer or some of them cut up the way they do.

"For instance last summer they were so eighborly that they sauntered every

of the deer when it came, and then! Then HARRISBURG, Pa., April 8 .- "I was up those turnip and 'tater patches would run

"But would you believe it, although the "Judas preachin'!' said I. 'Where did day before the hunting season opened there were no less than four big deer sampling things in one of Bill Padget's at me as if he wondered what in the world lots, the next day Padget's field and I was asking such a foolish question as every other field and foraging corner in. at or about Millrift was as empty of deer as if no such thing as deer had ever been. out into the far woods and hunt for and

hunt for. "No deer, either buck, doe or fawn, was seen in that vicinity again until some spent the best part of his life prowling days after the hunting season closed, around in the woods, and I s'pose he'll Three days it was, as Millrift recalls it now, when the big buck and a doe came loping along the outskirts of Millessness in asking such a fool question rift, paused a moment as if to look the fully explored." and ventured to hint that if it was all prospect over, and then passed on to the the same to him I would like to hear something about how he happened to knock the two wildcats over.

"Well' said Joe 'I guess maybe I." Snake Hill, making six deer, two more than had spent the summer and fall at and about Millrift. When Millrift re-

for the two we killed and then added two more out of revenge. And come to think of it,' said Bill, 'instead of feeling hard toward them deer seems to me we ought to be kind o' stuck up over 'em. I don't believe anybody else's deer are smart enough to keep track of the game law,

Put Millrift shook, its head at that It wouldn't go quite as far as that. And there in that pine grove those six deer have dwelt all winter, coming every once in a while right into the village and look-ing round, and making frequent evidently

prospecting excursions about the purely agricultural districts.

"The deer make little journeys from Snake Hill out into the surrounding woods and through the back country somewhere. but always come back to their outlook at Millrift, and the Millrifters are expecting, from the way things look, that they are booked to enfertain the six deer the coming season. They can't quite bring themselves to agree with Bill Padget that their deer are so smart that they keep themselves to agree with bill radget that their deer are so smart that they keep run of the open and close hunting season in Pike county, smart as they hold all the wild critters in their bailiwick to be; but if some one doesn't come along pretty soon and tell them why their deer cut up so, they feel that there will be no other way to account for it."

PLAGUE OF WILD GEESE.

Patrols Needed to Protect Wheat Fields

together, and when you go fishing for each in the way they fish down there all you have to do is to take your choice of the kind you want.

The black bass, though, they call treat in that country. Mullet is a big fish we might call a sucker up here, but is in the standard country. It was while they were at their morning bunds and is of fine flavor. If the fish ing dances that the hunter usually went in shyness and acuteness of sight and soute the stop to consider what mought happen to hearing nor in a peculiar genius for look-him, but sprung at me. I hadn't no more the latter that the didn't no more in a peculiar genius for look-him, but sprung at me. I hadn't no more the what the heart mought happen to hearing nor in a peculiar genius for look-him, but sprung at me. I hadn't no more the wild call as used to consider what mought happen to hearing nor in a peculiar genius for look-him, but sprung at me. I hadn't no more the wild call as used to do is to take your choice of the birds on the prairie to divide the big flocks into smaller groups, each of which had a leader, and thus they were the plain.

The California Frem Them.

**The California complaint about the havoe wrought by wild geese in the wheat districts is no new thing. Once I was employed as a wild goose herder in Yolo of which had a leader, and thus they were the point in the country. Note the evil of the rolls was comin' for me so serious like that I reached out an' met him with the but to the wheat districts is no new thing. Once I was employed as a wild goose herder in Yolo of which had a leader, and thus the wildcat was comin' for me so serious like that I was comin' for me so serious like that I was comin' for me so serious like that I was comin' for me so serious like that I was comin' for me so serious like that I was comin' for me so serious like that I was comin' for me so serious like that I was comin' for me so serious like that I was comin' for me so serious like that I was comine to complete the wind that the didn't no more the didn't no

cowhides on to his neck 'fore he could ducks the wheat farmers of California LIINT OF CROOKED gether himself to come an' see me ag'in. have to employ a large force of herders. He was toler'ble like an eel yit, an' he to patrol the fields and frighten away the enormous flocks that swoop down on the young and growing grain and devour

> "The ravaging swarms of wild fowl begin their work of destruction early in the fall, as soon as the wheat begins to sprout. They first invade the country along the rivers, but they do not tarry there an hour after the rains have made the wheat plains habitable for them.

"Yolo county, where I first hired out as a wild goose and duck herder, seemed as if it could beat all creation as a feeding Colusa county to help patrol the Bogg wheat ranch I made up my mind that I had never before seen wild geese enough to be worth speaking of. There is a vast expanse of barren plain in that county which affords an unrivalled place of rendezvous for both geese and ducks, and I have seen those barrens at times when I thought that all the wild geese that went forth to all parts of the land must have their starting place on that area.

"They may be seen rising from those plains in swarms like the locusts of Egypt and going forth in all directions to prey on the farmers. I have seen a tract of seventy-five acres in Colusa county absolutely covered with wild geese, so densely packed as to resemble pictures I have seen of seabird rookeries on some ocean There are many large wheat ranches

them employ from twenty-five to fifty men to patrol the fields and wage continual warfare against the geese and ducks. The herders live in cabins scattered about in the fields. There are day and night shifts of the herders, for the wild fowl seem not to be able to get enough to eat during the day, and so feed by

From the Los Angeles Times. A live rattlesnake held captive in a large

oil can which in turn was reenforced with a wooden box arrived at the Hollenbeck Since his receipt of the rare Latrodectus manctus, or red spotted spider, the most poisonous insect of its kind, two weeks ago Smead has been made the custodian of an curious living things .bat crawl, creep and

fly, the latest being the rattlesnake.

A friend residing in Calzona having read of the fact that the hotel man had received sand as a result set out to catch the snake, of which species there are many in that the grass in the meadows became lush and juley, and as if not to show partiality they favored the village gardens as the sass came on apace.

"Thus those deer took on all summer of its capture and hopes that Smead will be able to add it to the collection which he has or is making for the Southwest must be sound on the next boat down the river. Those the saw has a result set out to catch the snake, of which species there are many in that section of the country. In a letter accompanying the gift the donor mentions the panying the gift the donor mentions the panying the gift the donor mentions the panying away from trouble he took pains to let it be known that he was going on the next boat down the river. Those boat down the river. Those who all summer seem. As yet Smead has not been able to which species there are many in that the snake, of which species there are many in that section of the country. In a letter accompanying the gift the donor mentions the panying aloft is the best place in the world to be. You get the breeze and you're off the panying the gift the donor mentions the panying the gift the donor mentions the panying the gift the donor mentions the panying away from trouble he took pains to let it be known that he was going on the next boat down the river. Those balls the sould be sut in two.

"And by the way, in the tropics up for a time, and lest he should be supported for a time, and lest he should be supported for a time, and lest he should be supported for a time, and lest he should be supported for a time, and lest he should be supported for a time, and lest he should be supported for a time, and lest he should be supported for a time, and lest he should be supported for a time, and lest he should be supported for a time, and lest he should be supported for a time, and lest he should be suppo little while down among the farms, par-of which species there are many in that ticularly after the grass in the meadows section of the country. In a letter accomand as a result set out to catch the snake and even up into the early fall turnip decide whether the serpent shall be killed and 'tater time, while all that the Mill- and its skin tanned and stuffed or whether rifters could do was to lie back and grit to turn it over to some of the Main street

From Don Cabezos, on the Mexican border. Smead several days ago received one of public order Harper would have laughed of the most perfect specimens of a scor- at anybody who accused him of inconpion ever seen here. It is 5½ inches in sistency in playing poker, and on the length with not a vertebra or a claw disvery first evening of his trip he sat in

pede were enclosed. A mining man residing in Lower Cali-fornia undertook to show his esteem for To these five, after t the hotel man by shipping him a pair of bats captured in a great guano cave along the west shore. They were both dead, but preserved in such a manner that they will keep for a long time. In the letter accompanying the bats the mining man tells a wonderful tale of the millions of these night fliers that at about 7 o'clock in the evening begin to leave the caves:

They pour forth in one steady stream for a period of more than three hours, all ing out over the ocean in their flight. At about 3 o'clock in the morning they begin to return, flying from the land side, having evidently completed a big circle in their flight. Again it takes them several hours to get inside. The caves are so foul smelling, so vilely black that they have never been

Court Practices in the South

From the Cleveland Leader "It's queer the way the laws in some of the Southern States differ from our laws up here," said Col. Allan T. Brinsmade, just back from a long trip through the South.

"In Norfolk, Va., I sat one day recently heside a Federal Judge when a criminal case was being tried. The charge was, I think, robbing the United States mails At 5 P. M. the Judge turned aside and speaking very quietly said: 'The jury will now retire.

"'A recess, I suppose,' I observed.
"'No,' he said, 'the jury is about to retire to consider the evidence and give its ver-But you did not charge the jury,' I

remarked in a puzzled way. 'We do not charge the juries in this "In Savannah a day or two later I was

"In Savannah a day or two later I was in a court room where a divorce case was being tried before a jury. The wife, who was the plaintiff, was given the verdict.

"So she gets her decree," I remarked to a lawyer friend.

"No, not now, he replied. 'In this State when in a divorce case the verdict goes to the plaintiff the case must be tried again at the next term of court. If the plaintiff wins again the decree is granted.

"If, however, at the first trial the defendant wins, the case is all over. Queer law that, but the Judge said it was working well—that after ahe first verdict in favor of the plaintiff a reconciliation was often brought about."

Cause of Explosions in Flour Mills. From the Chicago Tribune. An English firm of millers, troubled with

dust explosions, set about discovering the cause of ignition of the dust. The mills use the steel roller process of patent flour, and iron or steel particles in the grain were suspected of coming in contact with the steel rolls and emitting the spark, causing

Ends Because No One Else Was
Ready to Argue With
Harper.

It was not unprecedented that there should be a shooting affray on the public street in La Crosse before the railroad had been extended to that point, but there were circumstances connected with the spoke, showing plainly enough that as he spoke, showing plainly enough that a caracted frouble, but big Bill Harper. place for wild geese, but when I went to killing of Dick Langdon which invested it with peculiar interest, and public sentiment was by no means unanimous on the question whether big Bill Harper was jus-

tified.

According to the weight of testimony, and there were many witnesses, the two men drew their weapons so nearly at the same instant that it was impossible to say which had his pistol out first.

The feud between the two men was a matter that had divided the community into factions, and roughly speaking these factions comprised the law abiding class on the one hand and these who preferred the freedom of border life on the other, including all the professional gamblers in the stuffed it into the outside pocket of his sack ceat.

Then very deliberately he looked at Ackerman and said: "Would you mind repeating that remark?" And Ackerman did so.

"And what do you mean by that kind of a play?" said Harper, still without a sign of excitement.

"I mean," said Ackerman, moving his hand a little but not yet drawing his gum, "that nobody would have played three aces the way you did before the draw unless he had known by the back of the next card that it was the fourth ace." cluding all the professional gamblers in town.

Dick Langdon had been one of these. By reason of his force of character and an engaging personality he was recognized as a leader among those who stood for the utmost license in personal conduct, including the privilege of gambling in public. Bill Harper, on the other hand, though not a stickler for puritanism, was a leader of the faction which strove to eradicate open lawlessness from the settle-

There had been public mass meetings. There was even talk of organizing a vigilance committee. And big Bin Harper was among the foremost of those who had about my experience before the mast, advocated the most extreme measures. He was even known to have advocated openly the raiding and destruction of Langdon's establishment.

Naturally enough a personal enmity between the two had replaced the suf- had to contend with. ficiently amicable acquaintance that once plied that he was prepared for the attempt. heights.

At last the attempt was made and Langdon "The first time I was a bit dizzy and was the victim.

Bill Harper appeared voluntarily at the was no one who undertook to contradict this statement and the charge against down at the deck. Harper was practically dismissed

Nevertheless the faction of which Lang. don had been the leader was greatly always, or nearly always, have hold of wrought up over the tragedy and it wa something has a lot to do with it too. The almost certain that there would be more trouble. There was more than one man the veteran as by the apprentice, is 'One in town who would have been ready at hand for yourself and one for the com-Langdon's word to fight for him or with pany, and the unwritten but not unspoken him and it was natural to expect that some one of these might undertake to avence his death. Of these Dave Ackerman was

man boarded the same boat warned Harper, but he said that he would try THE SEVENTH'S WAR VETERANS. to avoid trouble but would not shirk it Rebellion Survivors to Be Honored at

friendly game of draw, as they called it declared itself ready and march

To these five, after they had been play ing a little while, came Dave Ackerman He looked on for a few minutes and then sald, in accordance with the etiquette of the time, "Have you gentlemen any objection to my sitting in?" And as no one excepting Harper had any objection and Harper said nothing he took the sixth hand.

Among the bystanders who watched the game with interest, and there were several of these, was more than one who knew both Harper and Ackerman and of the enmity between them.

There were those also who knew Dave Ackerman's reputation as a skilful manipulator of the cards and several pairs of keen eyes watched his every move. No one there excepting the players themselves would have said anything. no matter what the gambler did, but knowing the probability of trouble they watched to see if possible what the pretext would be.

the close attention that was paid to his play, the gambler seemed to be ostentatiously avoiding any chance for suspicion. So far as was ever known he was not guilty of the slightest irregularity Wyck, David F. Wright, William E. Hopsey in his play. Nevertheless he was himself looking carefully, as it proved, for a pretext for a quarrel. It came when one of the other players, a well known lumberman from St. Anthony, named Wheeler, dealt an unusual hand.

The age was held by Harper and he had put up the usual ante of two bits call a half, for the game was not remarkably large. The next player, named Middleton, came in and the next, Jim Bixby, a professional, raised it. Then Ackerman laid down, as did the next man, and the dealer reraised.

Harper promptly made it \$5 more to play, and as the previous raises had been only a single dollar it looked as if the others might drop out, but only Middle ton did so. Bixby made it \$5 more and Wheeler in turn raised it \$10.

Even at that Harper seemed unafraid

PLAY AND A FEUD said "I have only \$500 with me, and I raise it \$300."

his hand moved toward his hip pocket as he spoke, showing plainly enough that he expected trouble, but big Bill Harper showed not the least excitement. He gathered in the money and chips in the pot and piled up the chips on the table, then taking the money in his right hand he stuffed it into the outside pocket of his each cast.

ace."

And as he spoke the last words he pulled his gun.

Harper never moved from his easy position, leaning back in his chair, but before Ackerman's gun was fairly levelled there came a report from the pecket of that sack coat and the gambler fell with a bullet through his brain.

And when big Bill Harper went back to La Crosse no one cared to renew the feud.

GOING ALOFT.

It Is Not the Hardest Thing Aboard Ship -Sometimes It's Pleasant.

"Most of the people who have asked me said a man who has served as an ordinary seaman on a deep sea vessel, "have said right away, 'But wasn't it dreadful to go aloft?' Now as a matter of fact going aloft was one of the least of the things I

"When I went aboard that old square existed, and this enmity had increased to rigger for the first time I thought going such a pitch that Langdon had sworn to aloft would be the worst of all. I thought kill his foe on sight and Harper had re- I'd get dizzy sure. I always had on

hardly reached the foretop. The second time I got out on the mizzen topgallant Coroner's inquest and testifled that he had yard, sent there to make up gaskets. It fired the shot that killed Langdon and that wasn't bad when I got there. I was a he had done so to save his own life. as little shaky going up, but once out on the Langdon had threatened to kill him and yard I had something to do and I soon was in the very act of firing at him. There found myself gazing with interest but quite without alarm over the ocean and

> "Having something to do makes a great difference. And then, the fact the sailors' rule, one observed as carefully by corollary is that in certain moments it's both hands for yourself and farewell the

the one who was looked to by his associates as most likely to undertake the reprisal.

He was Langdon's partner in business and had been fully as bitter as Langdon himself in denouncing Harper. Nevertheless two or three days followed after

theless two or three days followed after the inquest before anything happened to disturb the calm which succeeded the shooting. Then came another chapter.

It happened that Harper had business which required him to leave the Crosse which your feet would be cut in two.

The Seventh Regiment will celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of its departure for Washington on April 19. A few days after President Lincoln's call for 75.000 with four of his fellow travellers at a volunteers was published the regiment 991 strong under the command of Col.

Marshall Lefferts.

The regiment was transported only to Annapolis and from there marched in heavy order with camp equipment to Washington, where they arrived on April 25. Of those who went to the front at that time and who on the way to Washington repaired roads that had been torn up by rebel sympathizers many enlisted in the regular and volunteer service after the regiment's term of ninety days had expired. The regiment furnished in all 608 men of woom fifty-eight died in the service. Those who are still alive and who will be the guests of honor at the celebration of the fiftieth anniversary are:

Major Alexander Shaier. Marshall Lefferts.

Major Alexander Shaier, Non-Commissioned Staff-Sergt, Major Robert, Rathbone, Left Guide James J. Morison, Company A-Sergt, H. M. Funston, Corporal O. Pierce, Privates G. T. Cook, R. D. Evans, H. Trenor, G. W. Ring, A. B. Villaplait. Company B-Sergt, Peter Palmer, Privates William Lee Darling, Richard F. Ware, Abraham Garrison Jacob B. Amerman, Robert S. Gould, Jr., Bloomfield Brower, Jonathan N. Havens, A. M. Burtis, Robert W. Leonard, Amos M. Chase, Thomas D. Mather, William H. Codey, James W. Miller, Albert A. Curtis, Edward L. Molineux, Richard L. Salesbury, Edwin A. Whitfield, Fred-erick Foster, Frederick G. Agens and J. V. W.

Vanderwart. Company C-Sergt. John W. Murray, Privates
Darius Ferry, Gilbert H. McKibben, Nelson H.
Oakley, William M. St. John, William E. Van

Charles E. Bogert.
Company D.—Second Lleut. John W. Bogert.
Sergt. Henry Everdell. Privates Edward Earle. William H. Kipp, Cornelius B. Outcalt, Charles H. Swards, Marshall Lefferts, Jr. Company E-Privates Albert W. Hyde. George Price and Charies A. Benedict.

Company F-Privates Gordon G. Br.nkerhoff Jacob Duryce, Charles Gordon G. Br. Ricerloft, Jacob Duryce, Charles G. Snedburg, Edward W. Van Benschoten, William P. Roome, Company G.—Sergt, George W. Ely, Corporal Thomas E. Delano, Privates W. E. Callender, J. H. Palmer, Lyman Tiffany, George R. Fitch, Company H.—Privates Charles D. Allen, David D. Austen, Joseph H. Rearnes, Silas B. Bromwell D. Austen, Joseph H. Bearnes, Silas B. Bromwell Robert O. N. Ford, Edward H. Gonge, Charles J

Jung, Joseph N. T. Levick, Howard Lapuicy.

Company I—Privates James R. Beirne, George W. White. Company K - Corporal James Bleecker, Privates Lawrence Drake James P. Lacombe, Otto L, Peterson Henry Pierson, H. H. Wotherspoon,

JR, Bleecker. The Burglar's Hours.

Even at that Harper seemed unafraid and he raised it \$10. Then Bixby raised it \$20 and Wheeler, looking a little doubtful, trailed.

Harper paid no attention, apparently, to Bixby, but looked steadily at Wheeler for almost a minute before playing. Then he also trailed. It looked as if he had been debating whether to raise again and had refrained from doing so lest he might drive Wheeler out before the draw.

Then he called for two cards, and those who were watching his play concluded that he must have three aces and most of them considered that he overplayed his hand.

Bixby and Wheeler both stood pat and the judgment of Harper's play seemed to be justified. Bixby, having first say, put up \$100, and Wheeler raised him \$100,